cincts of the city of Baltimore, that they have purchased a fire- CHAP. 133. engine, and other apparatus, for the extinguishment of fire, and have obtained a lot of ground from John Eager Howard for the purpose of erecting thereon a house for the reception of the engine, and to be used for such other purposes as shall tend to promote the interest of the institution; and in order to secure the right and title to the said property, and to give effect to the laws, rules and regulations, which have or may be established by the said company, it has been prayed that an act

of incorporation may pass in their favour; therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That company incom-Ebenezer Finley, president, Peter Little, first vice-president, William Krebs, second vice-president, Leonard Frailey, Owen Dorsey and Samuel Howard, and such other persons as now are or hereafter may become members of the said company, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, one community, corporation and body politic, for ever hereafter, by the name and style of the New-Market Fire Company, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made able and capable in law to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy and retain, to them and their successors, lands, tenements, rents, annuities, or other hereditaments, and the same to grant, demise, alien or dispose of, in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interest of the company; Provided nevertheless, Provise, that the said corporation or body politic, shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal or mixed, exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars per annum.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said company, and their suc- Company may sue cessors, by the aforesaid name, shall for ever hereafter be able and and be sued, and ordain by capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer laws, &c. and be answered, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice whatsoever, and also to have, make and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew, at pleasure, and also to assemble and meet at such times and places as they may agree upon, and to ordain, establish and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as to them shall seem conducive to the interest of the said company, and necessary to the good government and orderly management thereof, the same not being contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, and generally to do and execute all such acts, matters and things, as to them shall or may appertain to do.

CHAP. CXXXIV.

An Act to vest certain powers in the Orphans Court of Charles Coun- Passed Jan 20 1408 ty, and for other purposes. Lib. TH. No. 1, fol. 467.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that Morris Preamble. J. M. Donough, late of Charles county, deceased, by his last will and testament devised certain property, real and personal, to Richard Barnes, Robert Fergusson and Benjamin Confee, in trust, for the purposes herein after mentioned, and requested that his executrix should petition the general assembly of Maryland to pass a law to authorise and empower the orphans court to assume the control over the said property, and superintend the application thereof: And whereas the executrix named in the said will is now dead: And whereas it is wise and humane that the object of the said Morris J. McDonough should be carried into execution, but inasmuch as from the very organization of the orphans court they